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SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. Speaker, I object to bracketing but would be willing to bracket to a specific date next week if Senator Warner would like to specify a date.

SENATOR WARNER: Tuesday is fine.

SPEAKER: Is Tuesday satisfactory with you Senator Bereuter? Wednesday?

SENATOR WARNER: Wednesday's alright.

SPEAKER: Request has been made to bracket LB 111 till next Wednesday.

LB 136.

CLERK: Read bill.

SPEAKER: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I move for the adoption of the committee amendments. Mr. President, the purpose of the committee amendments are to combine within the office of the Brand Committee the former duties of the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State serves as the Chairman of the Brank Committee and, therefore, it is not a new position. It combines the operation but it moves it all into a new office which is called the Brank Controller. The operation should result in a lack of duplication. I recommend the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER: Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall the committee amendments be adopted. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes on the motion to adopt the amendments.

SPEAKER: The amendments are adopted. Senator Stull what will we do with the bill?

SENATOR STULL: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I move that LB 136 be advanced to E & R initial. Back in the late 1800's the Nebraska Brand Commission was set up and at that time it was placed in the Secretary of States office because on certain documents they had to use the Secretary of States seal. In 1940 the law was changed and it sets up for a committee, Brand Committee, and these members were appointed by the Governor. What we propose to do in LB 136 is to make a lateral transfer of the brand recording office from the Secretary of States office to the Nebraska Brand Committee. LB 136, if enacted, would also provide for a brand recording officer and define the duties of said officer. The statutory position of the brand recorder under LB 136 would not create a new position. Rather it is a statutory classification of an existing position in state government. LB 136 would place operational and administrative control of the Brands and Marks Division directly under the Nebraska Brand Committee. It should be noted that the Secretary of State, by law, is also the chairman of the Nebraska Brand Committee, therefore, no appreciable change would take place affecting the Secretary of State in his duties. This bill would establish the brand